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APPLICANTS: Farmer, *et al.* Confirmation No.: 5510
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FOR: METHODS FOR THE DIETARY MANAGEMENT OF IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME
AND CARBOHYDRATE MALABSORPTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the September 18, 2008 Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the invention of Group II, claims 59-61, drawn to a process of increasing lactose digestion in a patient by administering *B. coagulans* and lactase. Claims 59-61 read on the elected invention.

A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee is filed herewith. With this extension, this response is due on or before November 18, 2008. No additional fees are believed due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 19374-515 NATL.

Respectfully submitted,



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